GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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AID TO RAJASTHAN FROM JAPAN
Kaushal Shri Raghuvir Singh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Japan has agreed to provide a loan of Rs. 481 crore to Rajasthan for improving existing minor irrigation system and traditional irrigation system of farmers as reported in Kota edition of Rajasthan Patrika dated March 30, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the details of works proposed to be carried out with the said loan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Japan has agreed to provide a loan assistance of Yen 11,555 million equivalent to Rs. 481.45 crore for Rajasthan Minor Irrigation Improvement Project. An agreement to this effect has been signed between the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and the Government of India on March 31, 2005 in Tokyo. The project envisages increased agricultural production in the State of Rajasthan by rehabilitating existing Minor Irrigation facilities and improving water management and agricultural practices. The works proposed are civil works, technical and institutional supports and consulting services. The project is expected to be completed by March, 2013.